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2. The total number of employees in the entire mining area was estimated at approximately 3,000 including, however, only 10 percent employed in ore mining. Land surveyors were mostly Russians who were assisted by Hungarian personnel.
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Annex 1:

uranium ore mining area in the Mecsek Mountains

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Annex 2:

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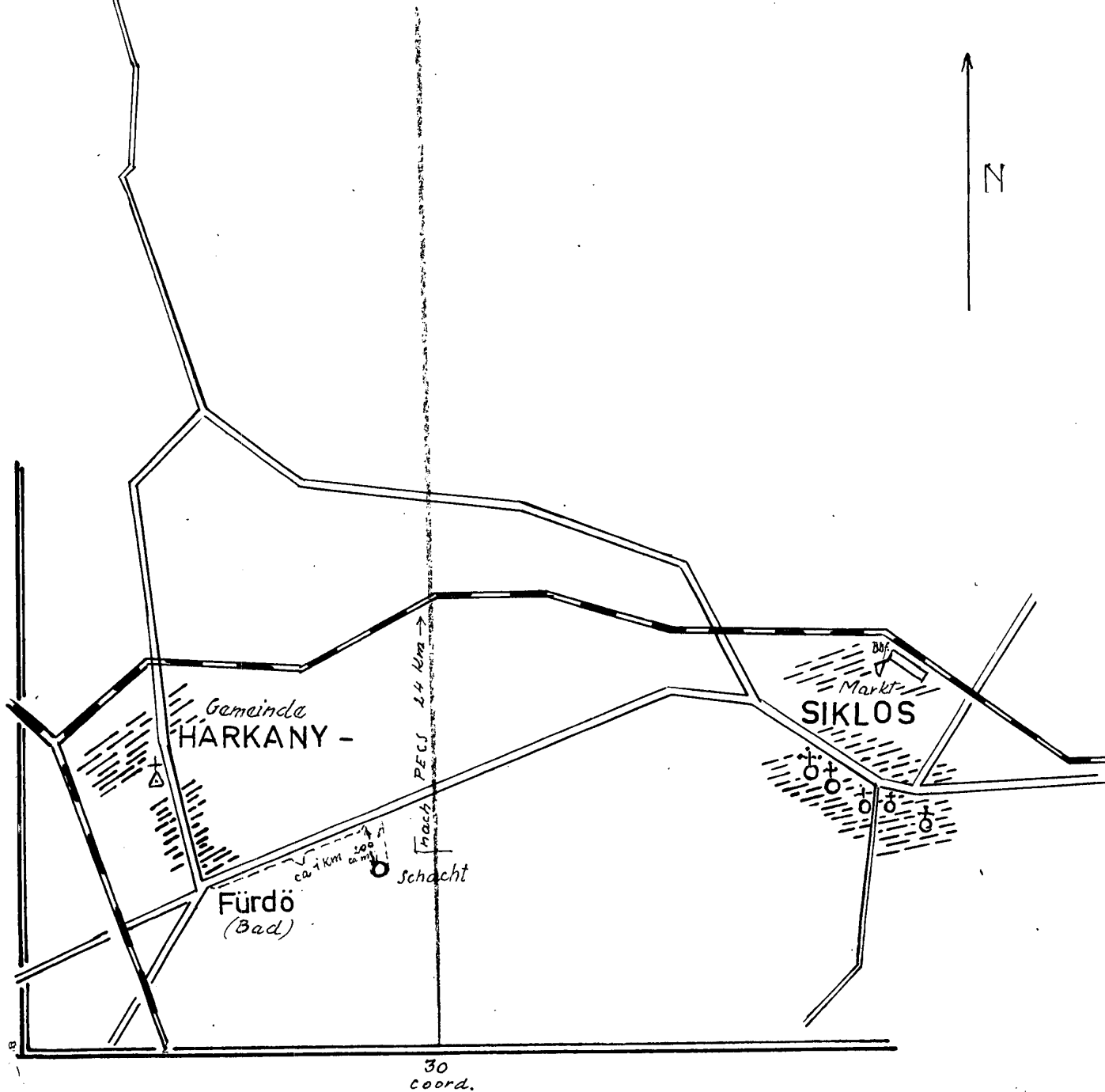
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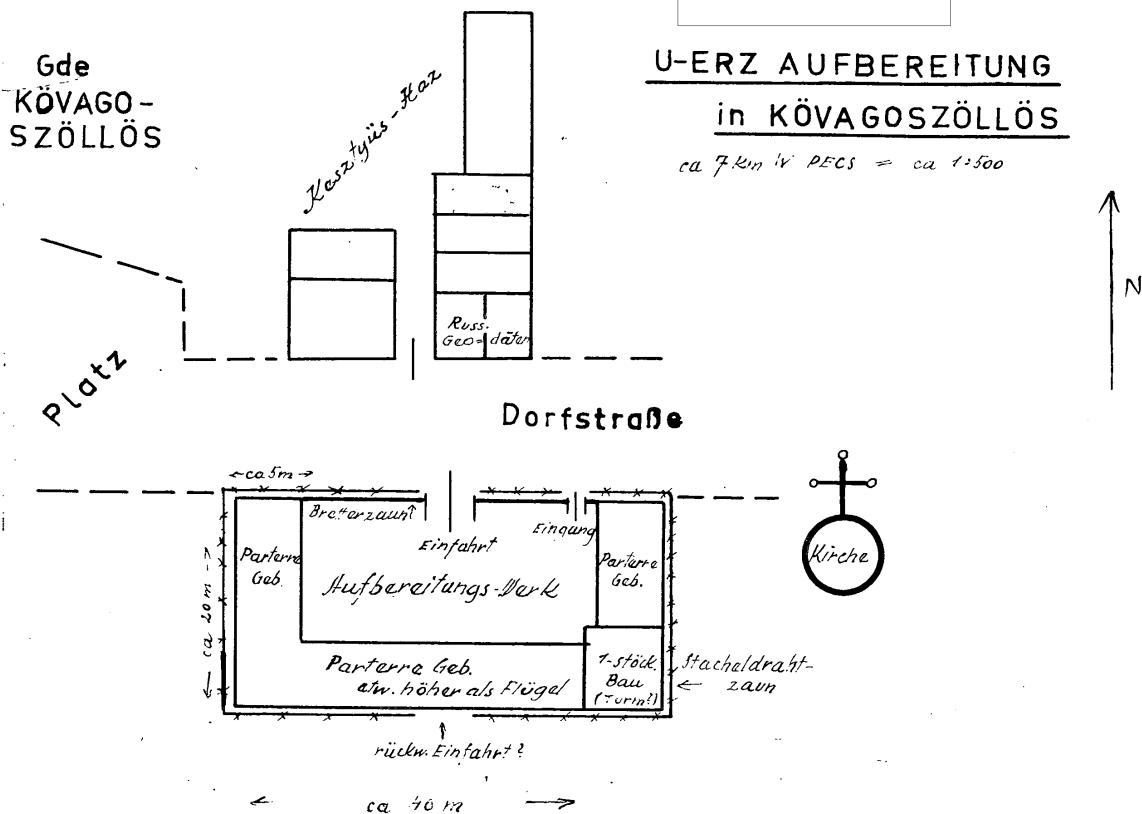


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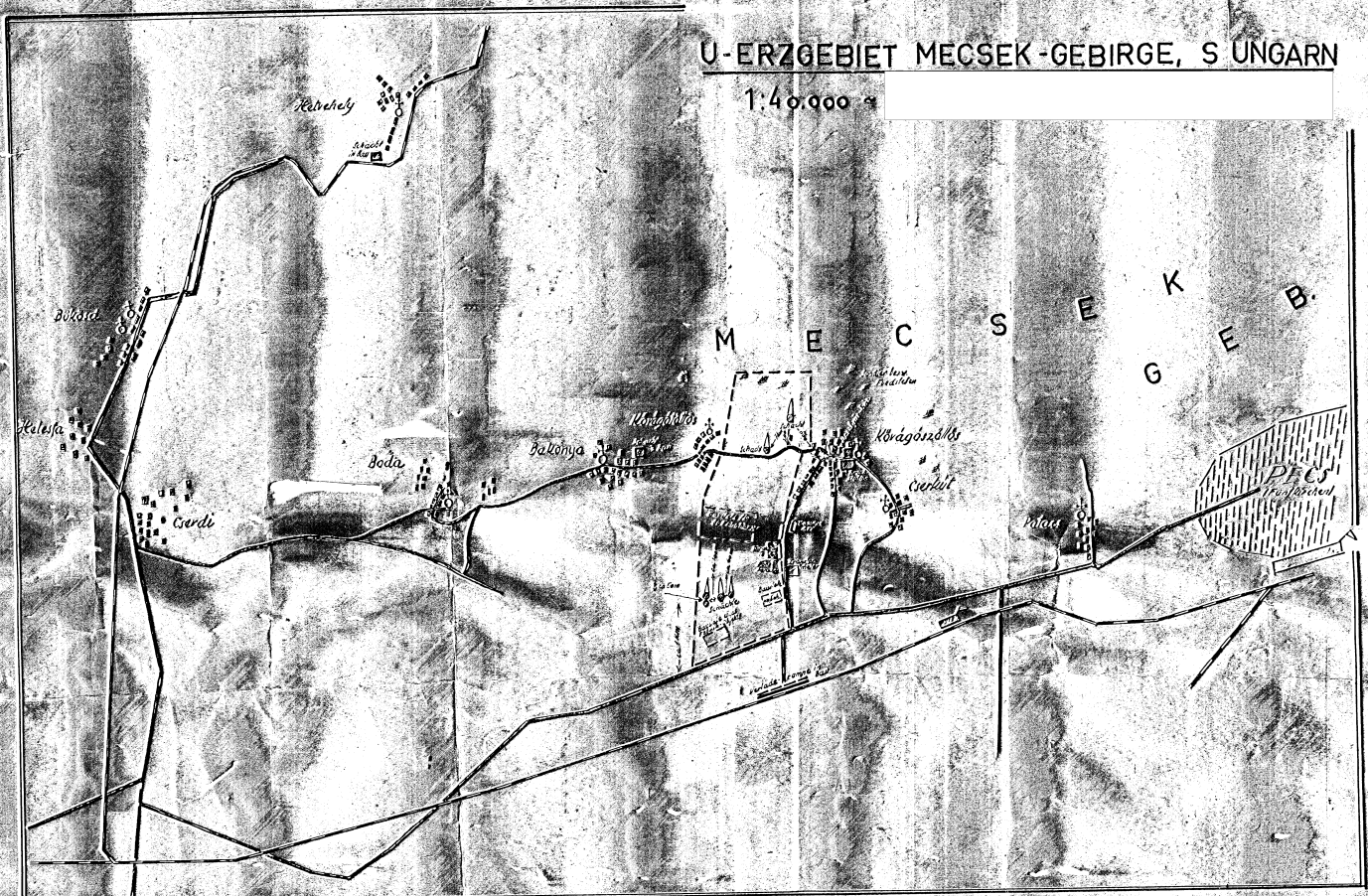
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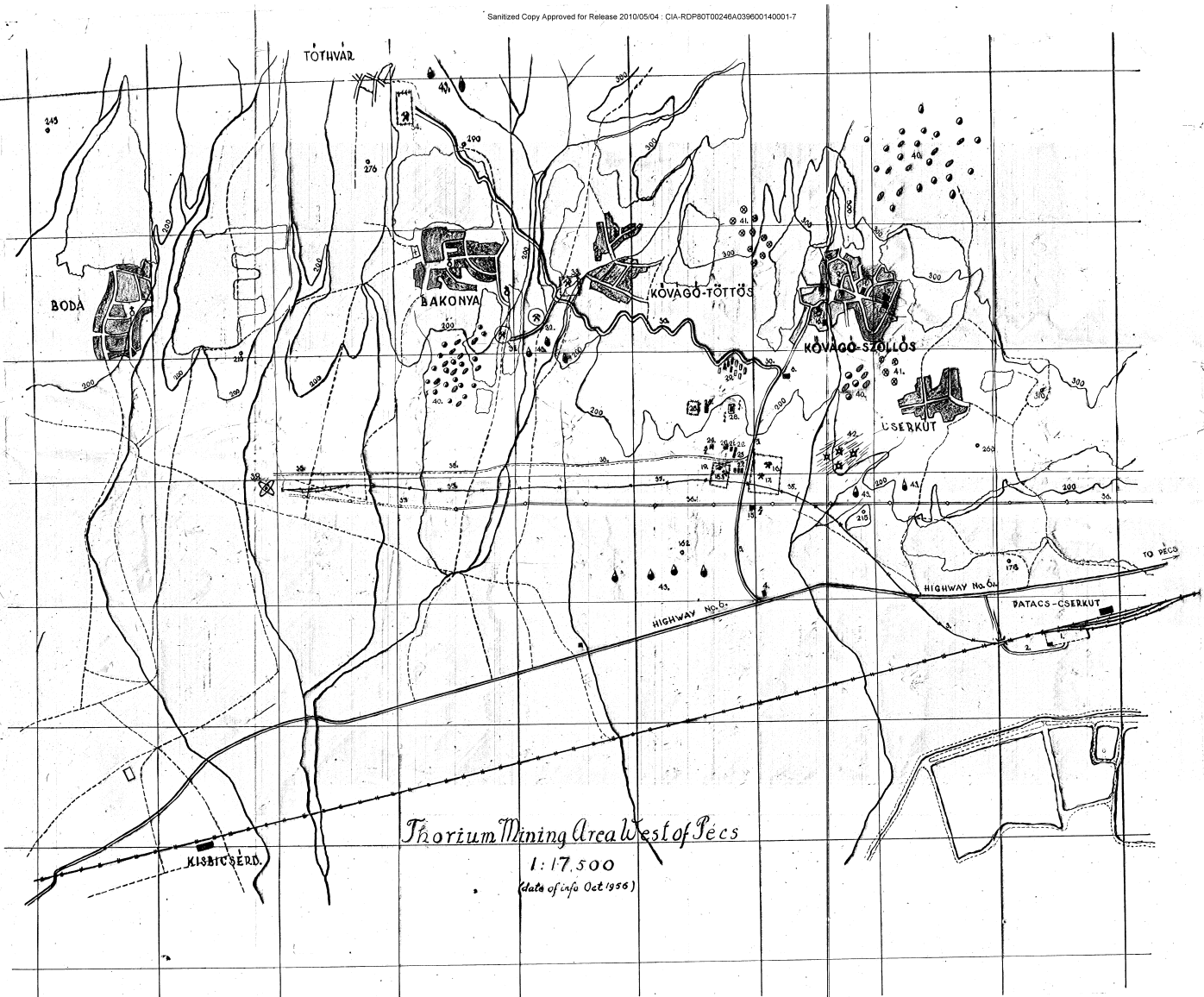
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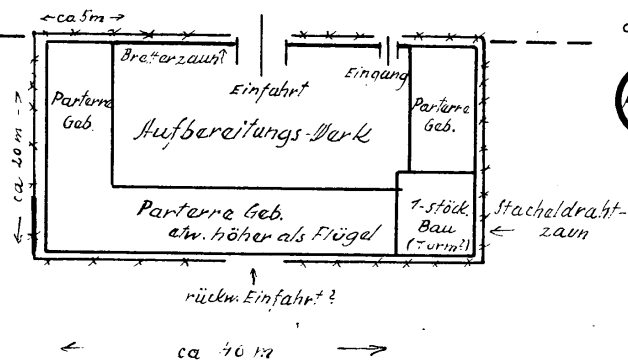
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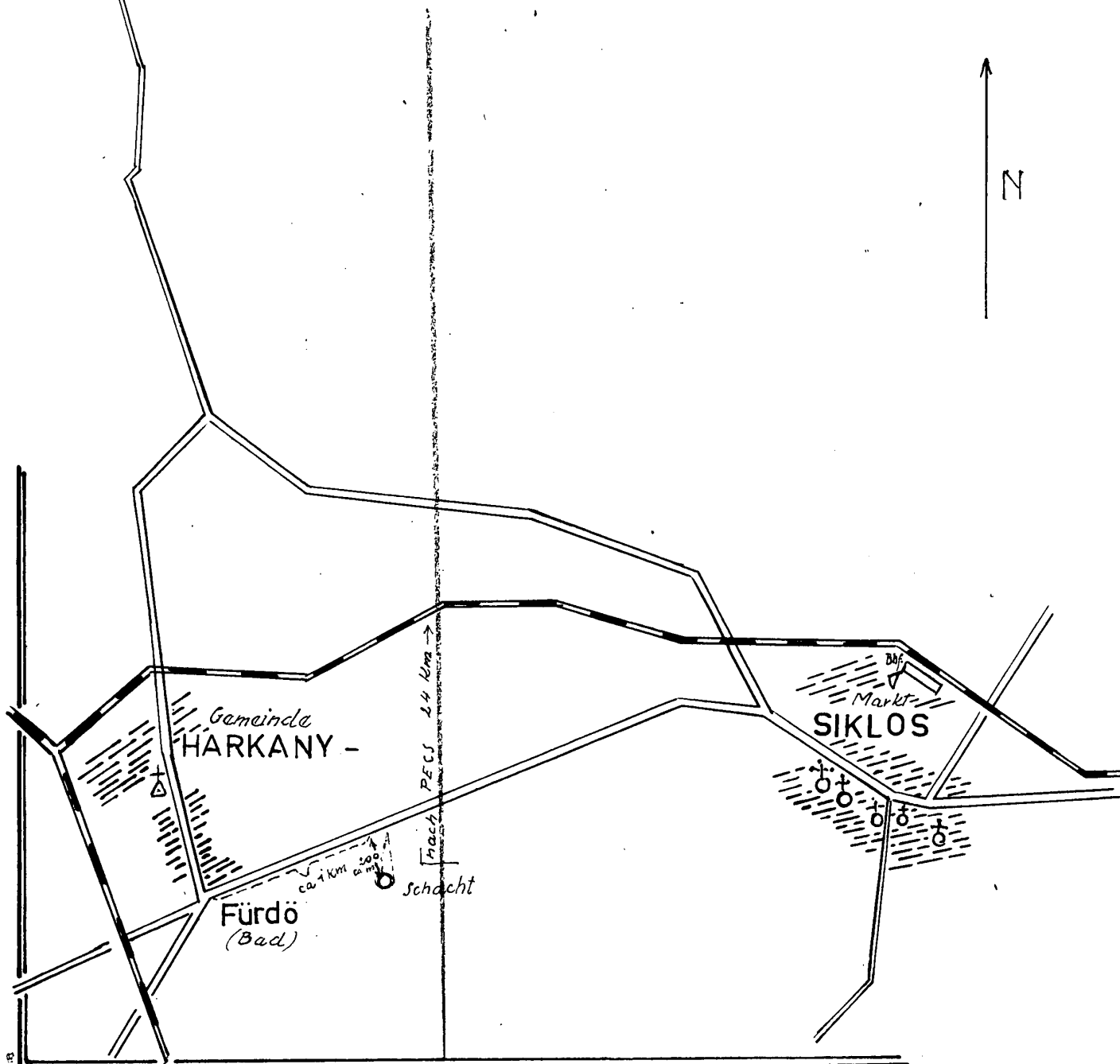
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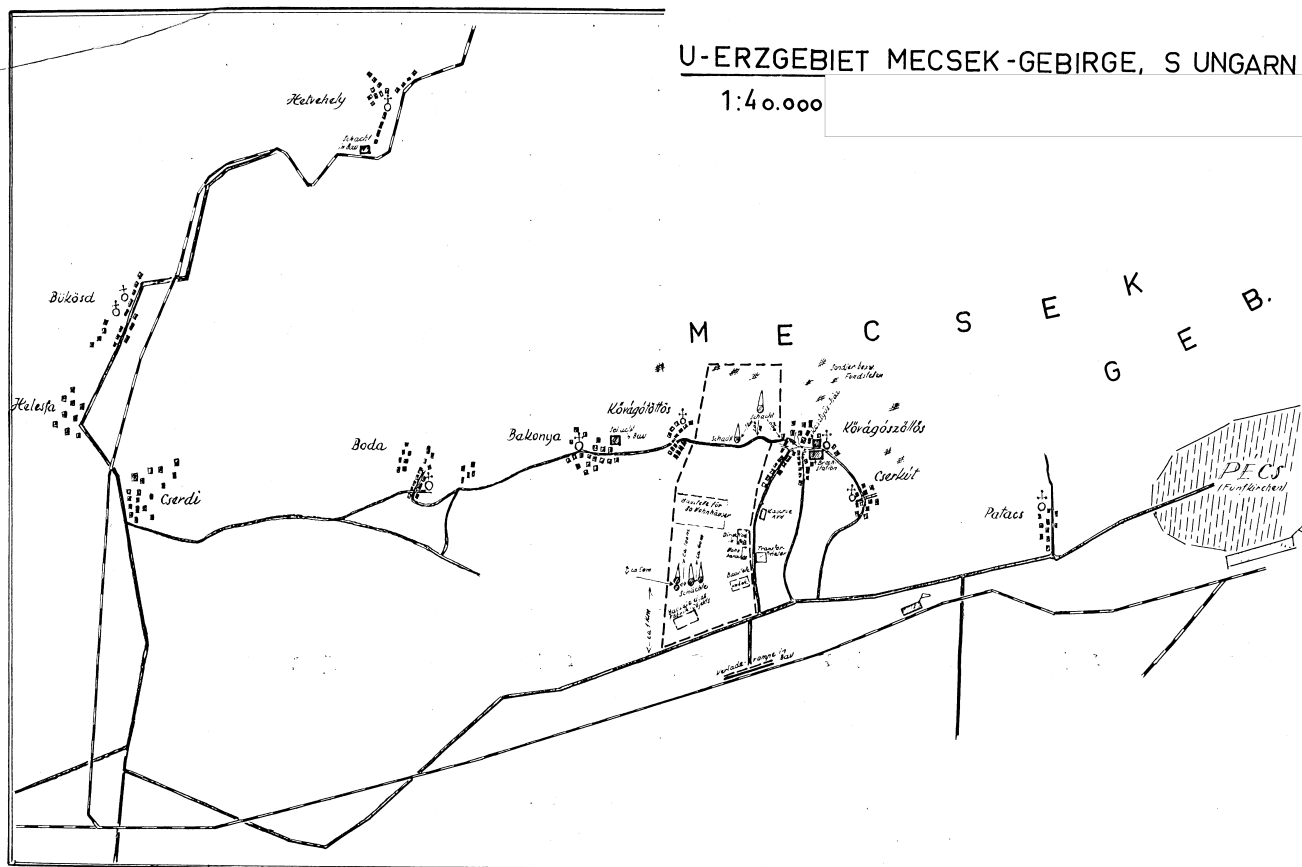
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